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Testimony
In Support of SB 438
AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS MONTHS, WEEKS AND DAYS OF
COMMEMORATION
Government Administration and Elections Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of designating March 15th as "Peter Francisco Day" in the state of Connecticut.

This year, Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco will celebrate the 251st anniversary of Peter Francisco's arrival to America. As one of the original thirteen colonies, Connecticut stands in a position to commemorate Peter Francisco as an American patriot and significant commander in the Revolutionary war. At the age of sixteen, Peter enlisted in the Continental Army to serve under General George Washington. Peter Francisco fought in many historic battles, including the North Carolina Guilford Courthouse where his actions severely impeded the enemy. The feat, which is commemorated with a monument at the National Military Park, "renders himself perhaps the most famous private soldier of the Revolutionary War."

The states of Virginia, Rhode Island, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, have named March 15th as Peter Francisco Day in his honor. Being of Portuguese decent, I can attest to Peter Francisco being an integral part of the Portuguese community and urge the GAE to continue these sentiments to honor Peter Francisco.

I am available for any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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